Today

A Threat Against the Nation. War Worse Than the Old. The People Should Forbid It. Government Should Decide

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(Copyright 1921.) Overshadowing all other news for Americans is the threatening railroad strike. The men say they will tie up every railroad in the United States except Henry Ford's railroad. He raised wages and reduced rates instead of

and reduced rates instead of raising rates and reducing wages as the others have done.

Railroad owners say they will rely on the public to deal with the situation and compel striking men to run the roads.

The public, it seems, is not fit to pwn or manage railroads, but will do as a club to force the men back.

The President, intervening, demands mediation. The city of Detroit, well equipped by its au-tomobile industry, will provide necessary fleets of trucks to

necessary fleets of trucks to keep food moving.

The city of New York says it will commandeer all food sup-plies and ration the inhabitants if necessary.

All shipping would be tied up, all foreign commerce and all in-

terstate commerce brought to a standstill-and all because railroad owners, borrowing money at usurious rates, exploiting their roads for the benefit of insiders, competing for business and with each other on a non-scientific, wasteful basis, demand that their men accept a cut in wages with a yaque cut in wages, with a vague promise to reduce railroad rates

The President knows, as do the Attorney General and every thinking man, that there is something more threatening on the horizon than an ordinary "great strike." This country is sick and needs care, not a first-class industrial fight. It should not risk all that is involved in a national industrial convulsion for the sake of a few individuals hat control the railroads or of two and a half millions that work for railroads.

When the late war began, the nation took charge of affairs, told railroad owners and workmen what they must do. threatening strike might produce within the nation a war much more serious than the war The Government should take charge of the situation and do it now. shouldn't be any quibbling or hair-splitting about keeping the mails running, none of the old-fashioned methods of putting the Government against the strikers

without actually saying so.
Add to the five or six mil-Add to the five or discontented employes a half million fighting railroad and there may come trouble temporarily beyond Government

Those responsible should study England's methods, the infinite patience and tact of her government under similar conditions, lealing with English workers. They have experienced statesmen here, educated men that know t is hard to put out a fire once

It is wrong for two and a half million workmen to tie up and threaten a hundred millions, even with their living, their future, at stake. It is infinitely worse for a handful of railroad owners, with dividends, hoped-for profits, only involved, to say, as

they are saying:
"We have got to beat these workmen sooner or later; we might as well do it now while times are bad and freight business dull. The public must take its medicine and do our fighting for us if it wants railroad serv-

The National Government should protect the nation when it is threatened from outside, or inside. And this railroad strike, voted by the men and not much disturbing the railroad owners apparently, is a great natonal menace. Those responsble for it are encouragers of lisorder, reckless of the general public's welfare, breeders of anarchy and ill-feeling.

Both sides know that a strike of this kind fought to a finish will not be fought without violence. Such a strike would involve great destruction of life and property. It would cost the nation more than amount the railroads would save in ten years if they won their strike, and it would cost the railroads more than they would save.

Railroad rates and wages, railroad control itself, all questions affecting public welfare, the Government controlled in the international war. The Government has no right to stand aside, no matter where its sympathies may be, in an industrial civil war. That is what it means when two and a half million organized men declare war against twenty thousand milion organized dollars.

The emergency and the danger are too great for any discussion as rights and wrongs involved Railroad rates have been grossly inflated, railroad wages have been enormously increased. And there

has got to be an adjustment. Where every individual merchant, manufacturer and worker is involved, where the food supply of children may be cut off and a period of reconstruction changed suddenly into a period of panic and anarchy, neither the owners (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

ture. Gentle, variable winds becoming southerly. Temperature at 8 a. m., 51 deThe Washington Times

ington With Food and Fuel,

Commissioner Declares.

Washingtonians should not be

Plenty of Food.

At the present time there is suffi-

Commissioner Rudolph said that the

last advices he had from the Center

Market cold storage warehouse were that it was filled to capacity, and the reports he has received from the

coal merchants are that there is ample

supply for the needs of the people of

of a railroad strike as much as other

cities, no matter how prolonged it may be," Commissioner Rudolph said to-

day. "With the good roads between Washington and the nearby large

cities, we could get into the city any

Much of it is now being transported

by motor truck, and the roads can

No Profiteering Likely.

ong experience among business mer

of Washington he did not believe they

such as would be brought about by

the proposed railroad strike, and while

TRUCKS BEING MOBILIZED

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A gigantic motor transportation fleet is being

mobilized here today in preparation for

railroad strike.

More than 2,500 trucks will be or-

ganized to carry fuel and foodstuffs.

Chicago manufacturers declare the

strike will affect only a few industrial

plans here because operation has been

on a small scale. Raw goods have been

TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY

mament delegation will be held next

Friday. Secretary of State Hughes today notified his colleagues, Elihu

Root, Senator Lodge and Senator Underwood, to meet with him at that

Strauss Coming to U. S.

BERLIN, Oct. 17 .- Richard Strauss,

the composer, will sail from Cher-bourg for America in a short time,

conduct a series of concerts in the United States, for which he already

has contracts guaranteeing him a re-

it was announced today. He

ARMAMENT DELEGATION

stored, they say.

turn of \$30,000.

might be isolated cases, he was

FOR STRIKE EMERGENCY

The Commissioner said that from his

Washington will not feel the effects

Washing on for some time

THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE

NUMBER 12,044.

WASHINGTON, MONDAY EVENING,

OCTOBER 17, 1921.

CALLS THE TIMES

AEN SPURN PUBLIC GROUP'S PL

Klan Wizard in Clash With Cong. Campbell

Lawmaker Interjects Charge as "Hooded" Chieftain Defends Illness.

A clash between Chairman Campbell, of the House Rules Committee, and Imperial Wizard William J. Simons today caused a scene when hearings on the Ku Klux Klan were

Simmons was in the midst of a protest against alleged statements regarding his physical condition which occurred at the previous meet-ing of the committee. When mentioned by Simmons, Mr. Campbell in-

False, Says Campbell.

"If all the rest of what you have to say is as false and utterly without foundation as what you have said,

you are giving us something we don't want," declared Campbell.
"I made no such statement," declared Campbell, after Simmons had intimated the chairman looked upon his collapse as a "cheap theatrical ef-

Campbell then entered into a denial of Simmons' statement regarding an alleged conversation between himself and one of the Assistant Attorney

Simmons, who was making a preiminary statement before the com nittee, presented an affidavit from nis physician, Dr. William J. Manning, showing his condition. "I am not seeking sympathy," de-clared Simmons. "I want only jus-

It has been reported to me hat when I collapsed last Friday one f the Assistant Attorney Generals jumped to his feet and exclaimed, just for cheap theatrical effect. I had expected this for several minutes." The Assistant Attorney General then had a brief conversation with the chairman of the committee." was this statement that Chair-

man Campbell denied. Called Insult.

While the conversation between and Campbell was in progress, Congressman Rodenberg, a member of the committee, made some emarks about Simmons "insulting" the chairman of the committee. "I have been entirely fair to you continued Campbell. stated to those assembled here

he next morning that you had a Simmons answered Campbell by as serting the chairman had treated him

"I don't see why you bring up your protest with such a blare of trumpts," declared Campbell. "If you think you have fairly brought the matter before the committee your judgment is

different from that of any other man.' The protest of Simmons against reports that his collapse was a fake and his subsequent statement of denial nearly caused Chairman Campbell to lecline to hear him further. Simmons, lowever, was permitted to proceed.

Attacks N. Y. World.

Colonel Simmon attacked the New York World, saying that it showed disregard for truth in its articles on the klan and that it had violated the United States copyright laws in its epublication of portions of the klan ituals. He attacked the character of Robert H. Murray, a correspondent of he World. He said Murray had been Mexican propagandist, who had been ordered out of the American embassy by Henry Lane Wilson several years ago. He also accused the World of Mexican propaganda.

He made the further charge that the World commercialized its "expose" on

Simmons then attacked the Hearst

He said: "Hearst has our complete record. ed a full investigation.

VICTIM OF RUM PARTY AND 2 GIRL SUSPECTS DEALERS WHO BOOST PRICES TO



FEDERAL CHECKS STOLEN

AT LEAVENWORTH PRISON

successful passing of about twenty of

them on various Middle West banks

has resulted in the arrest of two men

received here today by the Secret

in Tulsa, Okla., according to advices

The men arrested in Tulsa are Roy

Wortham and Harold Hailey. The

checks were passed in Chicago, St. Louis, Joliet, Ill.; Michigan City, Ind.;

Springfield, Mo.; Terre Haute and In-

The Secret Service learned that a

man posing as George S. Bates and carrying a fake Government prison

guard badge, and, as well, a file of

dentification letters addressed to him

self, had cashed the checks. The

amounts varied from \$150 to \$225

had been prisoners in Leavenworth, or

THREE DEAD, SIX HURT

stroyed a small hotel today.

RUSSIA SENDING WAIFS

GIRL'S SPINE FRACTURED

IN FALL, TWO MEN HELD

BOSTON, Oct. 17 .- Miss Ethel Su-

The girl's home is believed to be

Many jumped.

Whether or not the men arrested

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 17 .- Three

fured as the result of a fire which de-

The hotel was occupied by about

Roomers who found themselves

thirty persons, almost all of whom were asleep when the fire broke out.

trapped on the second floor stood at the windows and pleaded for help.

IN DALLAS HOTEL FIRE

dianapolis.

twenty-seven years old, assistant director of screen comedies, residing in Los Angeles, died suddenly under mysterious circumstances following a rum party. Mildred Bell-win, twenty-six years old, known on the stage as Billy Deslys, and Frances Stewart and Jean Munroe, aged twenty-three and pretty, were arrested, charged with suspicion of murder, but have since been re-leased. Stein was mentioned as a

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"Killed Her Because She Repulsed Me," Negro Says in Confession.

"I killed her because I loved her!" That was the explanation made this morning by Walter George Edward, forty years old, after he had hacked to death with an ax Cora Withers ,thirty-five, also colored, servant in the home of Mrs. Lee B. Mosher, 2945 Newark street north-

"I was jealous of her and I became crazy mad when she repulsed me this morning," Edward continued in his confession to Lieutenant Giles, of Tenleytown precinct.

According to the police, Edward was chopping wood in the yard of Mrs. Mosher's home, while the Withers woman was at work in the kitchen. Edward is said to have suddenly run from the yard and attacked the woman, literally chopping her to pieces. After attacking the woman, Edward did not attempt to escape. Residents of the neighborhood seized him and telephoned the police. Lieutenant Giles made the arrest. It was said that had Edward wanted to escape he could easily have done so before Giles

At the Tenleytown station it was said a policeman was sent to the scene as soon as one could be found, but that because of the large territory the police of that precinct have to cover t is not always possible to dispatch a

man immediately to make an investi-The woman lived at 216 D street northwest, and Edward, who is held at Seventh precinct, lives at 2502 Mo-

HAYNES TO DIRECT RUM

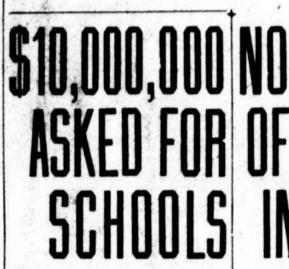
zart place northwest.

FROM FAMINE DISTRICTS CLEAN-UP IN CHICAGO RIGA, Oct. 17 .- The central exec-United States prohibition agents is expected in Chicago within two weeks, it was appropried follows: expected weeks, it was announced today, to dren from the famine zones, said a dispatch from Moscow today. Many "mop up" the flow of bootleg liquor children are being sent to Germany and England.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes. it was said, would come here to take charge of the drive. The cleanup here will follow similar campaigns in New York and Pittsburgh.

Two Die in Auto Crash.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Oct. 17. Simmons then attacked the Hearst —Mrs. Mary Glander, led instantly, today lying in a yard in the Back papers. He branded their statements old, of Ames, was killed instantly, today lying in a yard in the Back papers. He branded their statements old, of Ames, was killed instantly, today lying in a yard in the Back papers. He branded their statements old, of Ames, was killed instantly, today lying in a yard in the Back papers. He branded their statements old, of Ames, was killed instantly, today lying in a yard in the Back papers. -Mrs. Mary Grantier, seventy years hat the klan had a \$20,000,000 income and Harvey Dingman, sixty-seven, r that he lived in a \$1,000,000 palace. of Fort Hunter, was fatally hurt. dying in an Amsterdam hospital, when an automobile was struck by a We also have his," and said he want- fast New York Central train at the Tribes Hill crossing yesterday. New York city.



Senators Promise Relief After Ballou Tells of Crowding Pupils in "Fire Traps."

A demand for a \$10,000,000 school building program for the

school building program for the District of Columbia was voiced by Senator King of Utah in the opening session of the Senate school inquiry today.

The present "piecemeal program, utterly inadequate to meet District needs," was denounced by Senator King after Superintendent of Schools Ballou had made a graphic statement of the school crisis in Washington.

King Forecasts Redress. fuel or food in the city, Commis-sioner Rudolph said, because long before that time arrives some definite action will be taken by the authorities to ward it off.

King Forecasts Redress. Revelations made by Superintend- cient fuel and food to take care of the ent Ballou induced Senator King to city for some time, Commissioner Ruay that "perhaps Congress is re-consible for this shocking state of rushing out and trying to buy enough affairs. There is something wrong food and fuel to last all winter

omewhere and we must get to the bottom of it. A further proposal was made that The theft of 150 blank checks from the subcommittee invite the House Leavenworth Federal prison and the District Committee to appoint a subhearings and then agree upon united program.

"It would be willing to fight this matter out with the Appropriations Committee of the House and Sen-Senator King declared. view of what Superintendent Balsays, it is apparent justice has

many years. the schools here are being treated," Senator Capper, chairman of the subcommittee, said. "I hope something comes out of the investigation to help the District of Columbia.'

Ballou Answers Charges. Superintendent Ballou, in his state ment, dealt forcefully with all the charges made against him and the were visitors to the prison, has not at length on the changes of plan in connection with the Eastern High municipal architect's office. He dwelt school, and showed that most of them were necessary. With regard to the cy building program, he declared it never was contemplated that the structures would be completed be-

fore September, 1922.
Superintendent Ballou said the building costs in the District of Columbia were 30 to 40 per cent lower now than they were six months ago, and, in response to an interrogation from Senator King, he said they were no higher here than they were in corresponding cities of the same rank.

Tells of "Fire Traps." Superintendent Ballou said that many of the present school structures were "fire traps." He said he never allowed any overcrowding in the older structures unless he had the specific

consent of the fire marshal. "What we are trying to do now i merely to catch up for lost time," he said. "We are simply trying to stave off a worse crisis than the one that now confronts us. Last year we were packing the children in even up to the garrets, and we have 3,000 more pupils than we had then."

Senators Capper, King, and Cameron all agreed the present situation was outrageous" and they hoped to make the inquiry of constructive value

torious, apparently about twenty years old, is dying in City Hospital TWO DEAD, TWO DYING. of a fractured spine. She was found

IN DALLAS HOTEL FIRE or was thrown from a window. Two men are held in connection sons are dead, two are dying, and six others are injured as the result of a fire which destroyed a rooming

Threatened Rail Strike Situation Seen At A Glance

BE HANDLED, RUDOLPH WARNS

Here are the high lights in today's railroad strike situation: Chicago—Factional rupture is threatened in union ranks. Heads of some of the eleven subsidiary unions (membership 1,680,000) demand assurances that chiefs of "big four" (membership 320,000) will not act independently of them on important strike question. Merchants and shippers preparing fleet of motor trucks for transportation purposes in event of a tie-up.
Washington-Postoffice and War

departments co-operating on plans to keep the mails moving at any cost. The public group of the United States Labor Board suggests as plan to avert strike that come panicky on account of the impending railroad strike. This is carriers cut freight rates commensurately with the wage reductions already granted, the unions meanwhile to withdraw strike the advice given today by Cuno
H. Rudolph, president of the
Board of Commissioners of the
District.
There will not be a scarcity of

Cleveland—"There will be no turning back," W. G. Lee, presi-dent of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announces on his arrival to attend conference of "big four" tomorrow. Warren S. Stone, grand chief of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says proposal of public group of Labor Board to avert strike "is a joke." St. Louis-"Not feasible," Benjamin B. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific, discussing the public group's proposal.

stand any added tonnage that will be Branchof Home Defense League "If any merchant tries to boost the prices of foodstuffs or coal beyond the reasonable margin of profit, we will find a way to deal with him." Will Be Ready With 300 Motor Cars.

While the District Commissioner have not as yet conferred with offi cials of the Motor Corps of the Home Defense League, it is understood that the latter are prepared to meet any emergency that may arise in the Dissure that public opinion, in addition to any available legal steps, would put trict due to the threatened rail strike W. Pearce Raynor, commander of the motor corps, stated this morning the 300 members could commandeer as many automobiles and at least seven ambulances in case of trouble or food tie-up in this city. Thirty mo torcycles also could be quickly brought

nto action. It also was stated by Mr. Raynor that many of the members could com mandeer a score of automobile trucks to be used in the transportation of foodstuff and milk, as well as coal, to

residents of Washington. "The 300 members could work in four shifts, placing as many as sev- will portation of food and milk," said Mr. corps, by reason of his membership, can be called upon at any time for any emergency of sufficient gravity.'

the motor corps are two com panies from the Kiwanis Club: two from the Rotary Club; two from the City Club; two from the Automobile The railway executives have rejected Trade Association; one from the Optimist Club; one from the Board of in the face of our appeal have made Trade; one from the Chevy Chase plans for further wage reductions. Club; one from the Washington Chamber of Commerce, and two from Almas Temple. There are four other com- sending of a code message, panies, named to perpetuate the names agreed upon, instructing the 500 genof Policemen McKimmie, Armstrong, Wilson, and Dunnigan, who were kill-scattered throughout the ed in the performance of their duties. Each company has its captain, and there are three inspectors-Howard S. Fiske, Charles W. Aufenthia and J. W.

Engineer Chief Assails Labor Board Plan-Can't Turn Back Now, Says Lee.

By WILLIAM J. HUSKE, International News Service.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17 .- "The proposal by the public group of the Railway Labor Board to convert present and prospective wage reductions into lower freight rates is joke number one that the railway executives are attempting to play upon the public," declared Warren S. Stone, grand chief of he Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, upon his return here this morning.

Two Leaders On Ground,

"Leaders of the union will be in constant daily conference until the strike issue is definitely and finally settled," Stone continued. "We have taken this step with our eyes open and the next move is not up to us As far as possible, however, we will safeguard the rights of the public." he five men who will actively direct the strike are now on the ground The other leaders are expected to ar rive during the day. "There will be no turning back; we

are going ahead with our plans for the greatest railroad strike in the world's history," today declared W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Conference Tomorrow.

The hour for the beginning of the tomorrow formulate plans for the conduct of the strike depends upon the arrival of W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; L. C. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, ar T. C. Cashen, president of the Switch men's Union, from Chicago. Lee arrived in Cleveland yesterday

and was busy throughout the day supervising the sendiing out of last minute instructions to the chairmen of his organization by wire

Stone Arrived Today.

Headquarters of the order of railway conductors, now located Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and switchmen's union, now at Buffalo, temporarily removed to Clevelanl, in order that all five of the executives may be available for "Each member of the motor immediate counsel upon any develop

"We have abandoned hope for a peaceful settlement," Lee said. "There may be some man with power enough to avert the conflict, but I do not know how it is to be accomplished. our proposals for a conference and Strike orders already issued, it was learned, can only be recalled by the

scattered throughout the country, that the strike has been called off. Slight hope that President Harding may be able through his personal in ervention to reopen the disputed question and hold a "get-together"

Next Sunday

Amazing Inside Story of French Military Plot Against Silesia, by Scotland Yard Investigator